



State of Tennessee

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Comptroller Announces New Online Tool for Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse

It will soon be possible to report suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse of public funds in Tennessee over the Internet. Beginning today, you may electronically alert the state Comptroller's office about suspected government misuse of public funds by visiting: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/shared/safwa.asp>

The Comptroller's office has provided a toll-free telephone hotline for reporting fraud, waste and abuse of government funds and property since 1983. During that time, the hotline has received more than 17,000 calls.

In the 2012 legislative session, the Tennessee General Assembly expanded the Advocacy for Honest and Appropriate Government Spending Act so government employees and citizens can report allegations of fraud, waste and abuse online as well.

"In this day and age, it makes sense to give people the option to send us fraud reports online," Comptroller Wilson said. "This is another tool to help ensure that public money is being spent properly in Tennessee. I encourage people to take advantage of this new service if they have reason to suspect fraud, waste or abuse has occurred."

Similar to the telephone hotline, the online reporting form will allow individuals to make reports anonymously if they wish. The information will be transmitted to the Comptroller's office over a secure connection.

Individuals who make reports are asked to provide as much detail as possible about their allegations. They may also attach files with supporting documentation that may help those who review the allegations.

Information received over the Internet will be reviewed by the Comptroller's staff and investigated or referred to the appropriate agencies or departments when warranted.

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